

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In Figures 4 and 4A, the cage is shown with a sigma configuration. In the specification, the paragraphs [0007] and [0017] have been amended and paragraph [0007.1] has been added to reflect the changes to Figs. 4 and the addition of Fig. 4A. No new matter is added as original paragraph [0017] and original claim 8 describe the cage as having a sigma configuration.

The examiner objected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Applicants respectfully request that the drawings and specification as amended address the examiner's concerns.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 4-7 and 9-17 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 4-6. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended into independent form.

It is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either telephonic or in person, will advance the prosecution of this matter, it is respectfully requested that the examiner get in contact with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4 and a new Fig. 4A. This sheet, which includes Figs. 3, 4, 4A, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 3-4. In Figures 4 and 4A, the cage is shown with a sigma configuration.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes highlighted in yellow



ANNOTATED MARKED UP DRAWINGS

Fig. 3

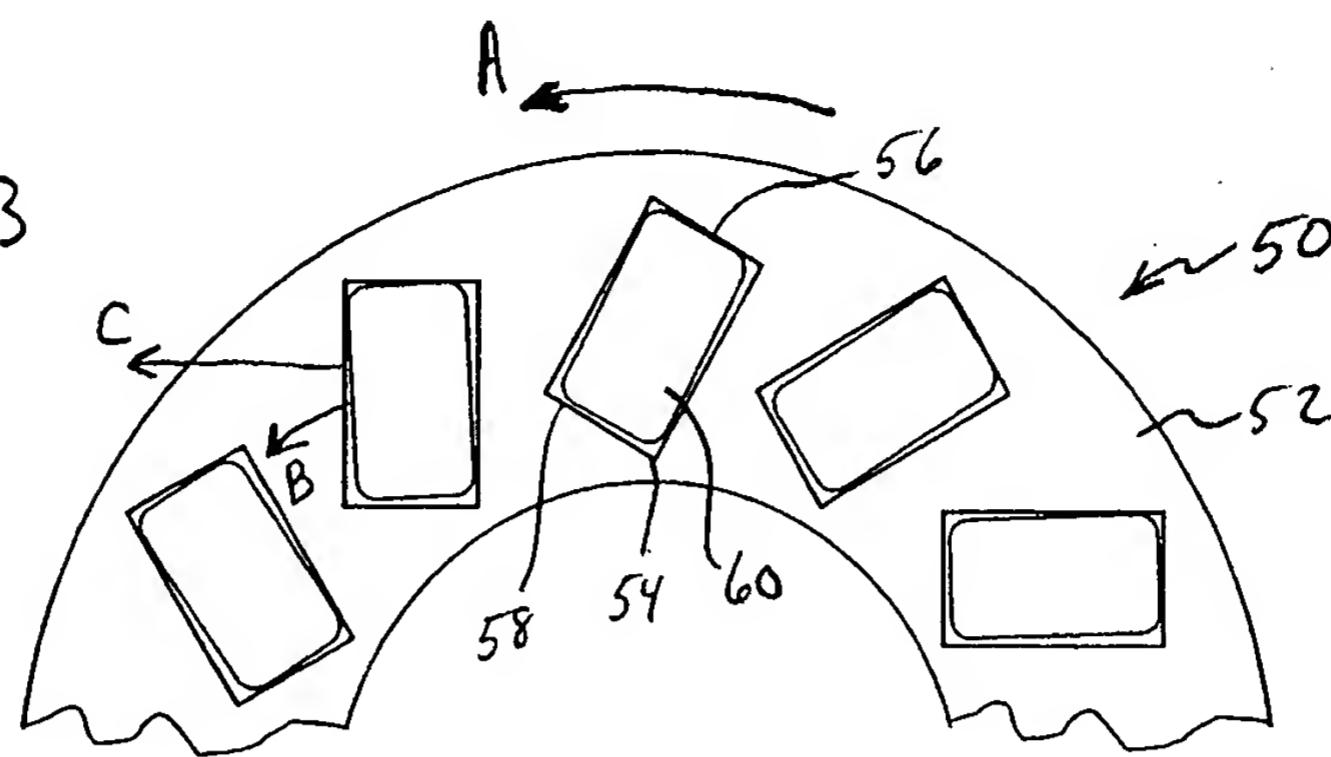


Fig. 4

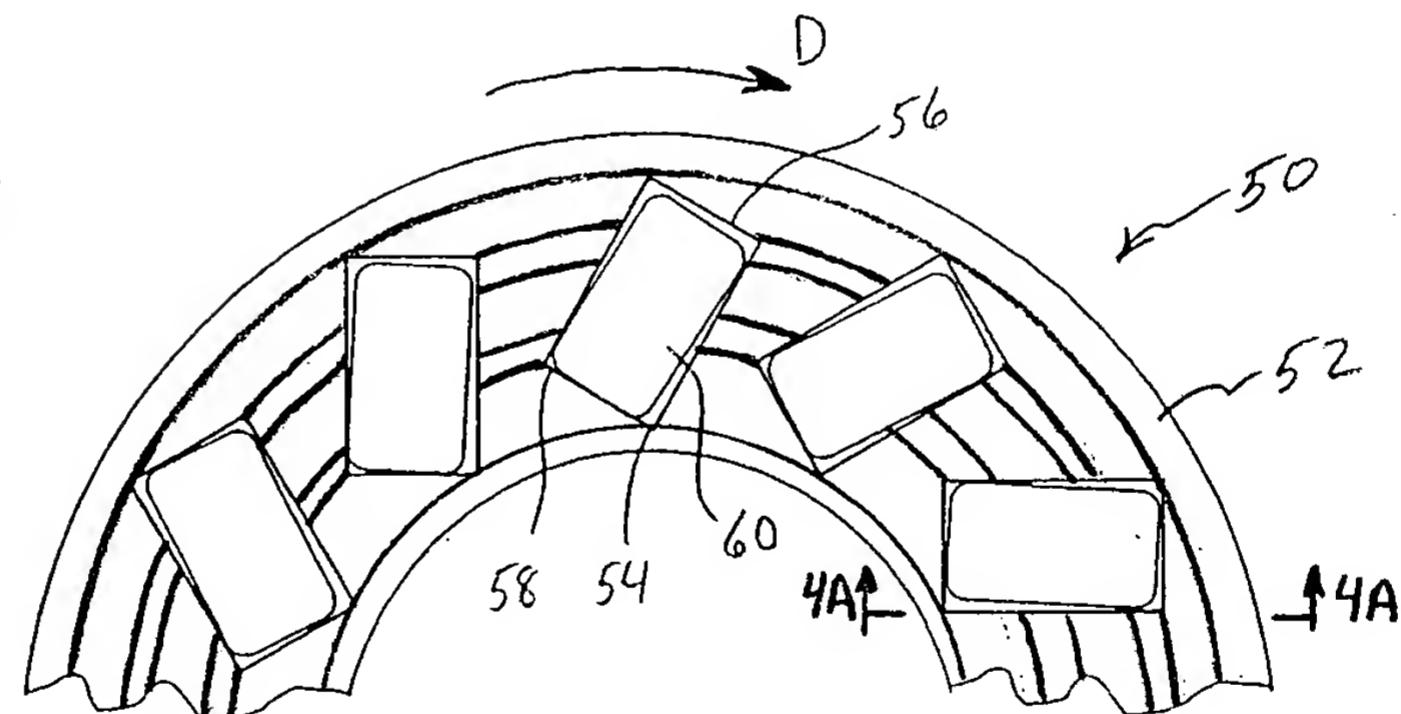


Fig. 4A

